



Eleanor Wingard

May 3, 2017

Eleanor (Valerio) Wingard, age 67, passed away on Wednesday, May 3, 2017 at Hebrew Center for Health and Rehabilitation, West Hartford, CT. Eleanor was born in Cambridge, MA on August 1, 1949 to Mary (Gomes DaSilva) Valerio and Manuel Valerio. She attended St. Agnes School and Arlington Catholic High School, where she volunteered through Fidelity House. She was involved in Girl Scouts from a young age and earned the Marian Award--one of the highest honors for Catholic Girl Scouts. After graduating from high school, Eleanor started her career as a secretary working for the Ealing film and production company, and Metropolitan Life, in Boston. She also volunteered as a candy striper at Winchester Hospital. Eleanor married Warren Wingard of Arlington, MA, and moved to Woburn, MA, where she spent 42 years. After choosing to stay home with her children in their early years, she became a nanny, to several families, and was truly reminiscent of Mary Poppins. She loved spending her time doing arts and crafts, planning parties, fishing with her son, and scrapbooking with her daughter. She didn't have pets when she was young and as a result welcomed every four-footed animal (and some snakes!) into her home with pleasure during adulthood. She often said that the greatest joy of her life was raising her children. She was a "soccer mom" before the phrase was coined--going to all her son's and daughter's sports and activities, volunteering in their library classes, making their costumes for Halloween--the list goes on and on. When her daughter and son went away to college, she continued her generosity by sending daily

letters and care packages full of cookies to them and their friends. In her later years, spending time with her five grandchildren became Eleanor's true passion. She moved to Avon, CT to be closer to her daughter's family, and was often planning taco night, movie sleep-overs, and ice cream sundae events with the kids. While she struggled with health issues, she was amazingly resilient and made many dear friends in her new community. Eleanor leaves behind her two children, Jennifer (Wingard) Haddad and her husband, Chris, of West Hartford, CT, and Brad Wingard and his wife, Darcy (Graser) Wingard, of Shrewsbury, MA. She was the grandmother of five: Henry, Jack, Mary Margaret, Travis and Tyler. She also leaves behind many dear cousins and friends, who meant the world to her. She was predeceased by her father, Manuel Valerio, and her sister, Elaine Valerio; and is survived by her mother, Mary Valerio, and brother, John Valerio. Calling hours will be Sunday, May 7th from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Molloy Funeral Home, 906 Farmington Ave., West Hartford. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Monday, May 8th at 10:00 a.m. at St. Thomas the Apostle Church, 872 Farmington Ave., West Hartford, CT. Burial will follow in Fairview Cemetery, West Hartford. Contributions in Eleanor's memory may be made to: Friends of the Avon Free Public Library (avonctlibrary.info); St. Labre Indian School (www.stlabre.org); or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital (www.stjude.org). Online expressions of sympathy may be made at www.molloyfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Fairview Cemetery

200 Whitman Ave
West Hartford, CT 06107
(860) 521-5270

Previous Events

Calling Hours

MAY 7. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Molloy Funeral Home
906 Farmington Avenue
West Hartford, CT 06119
(860) 232-1322

Mass of Christian Burial

MAY 8. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Thomas the Apostle
872 Farmington Ave.
West Hartford, CT
(860) 233-8269

Tribute Wall

PB

“ Jennifer and Brad,
I'm sorry to learn of your mom's death. Lean on your family for support as you grieve. Share stories over and over to put a smile on your faces.
Patti Bosia

patricia Bosia - May 08, 2017 at 05:57 AM

JS

“ Jen and Brad,
Deepest condolences on the passing of your mother. She loved you dearly. You were her pride and joy. I will have good memories of your mom& I when we were kids growing up. She will be missed. Our prayers are with all of you.
Love,
Cousin Janet & Bob Smith& family

Janet Smith - May 07, 2017 at 06:19 PM

PK

“ Jenn and Brad,
We were truly saddened to read about your mom's passing. We have many nice memories of her during your high school years...a great cook and a very organized mom!! had kept in touch over the years and know how much she loved her family and grandchildren. I know that many good memories and stories will help you all in your loss.
Thinking of you.
Peggy and Don Kerr

Peggy and Don Kerr - May 07, 2017 at 05:59 PM

JC

“ So sorry for your loss! Eleanor was Mary Poppins to our "3 Carey Mice" for many years. Her magic carpet bag was always filled with games, crafts, fun and stories. Jenn and Brad, you were the joy of her life and the grandchildren you gave her were her delight. She will be forever missed.

The Carey Family: Janice, Neal, Jeremy, Andrew and Sheilagh

Janice Carey - May 07, 2017 at 02:39 PM



“ Brad and Darcy, I am so sorry for your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers.
Allie Jones

Alexandra Jones - May 07, 2017 at 07:57 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Eleanor Wingard.



May 06, 2017 at 04:35 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Eleanor Wingard.



May 06, 2017 at 03:43 PM

JH

“ *Eleanor was always a truly lovely person. We met at Arlington Catholic. This year is the 50th reunion. In the fall, I reached out to Eleanor to see if she would be able to attend. She was beyond delightful and delighted to talk. She mentioned her health limitations, but her spirit had not been diminished at all. I felt blessed having had the chance to share a chat with her and shared the story with several other classmates.*

Now with her passing, I treasure that call and connection even more. Eleanor is with the angels now and may God bless all of her family at this time of loss.

Jeanne Hansen - May 06, 2017 at 08:28 AM



“ *Sweet Sincerity was purchased for the family of Eleanor Wingard.*



May 05, 2017 at 07:48 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Eleanor Wingard.*



May 05, 2017 at 04:47 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Eleanor Wingard.



May 05, 2017 at 03:15 PM



“ Irene and Ken O'Brien purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Eleanor Wingard.

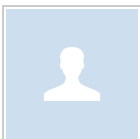


Irene and Ken O'Brien - May 05, 2017 at 01:13 PM



“ I am so sorry to hear of Eleanor's passing. I haven't known her for long but she was always so friendly to me when I arrived here at Peachtree Village. I met her at game night and fondly remember how good she was at all the games we played. She out played all of us. She will be missed. Prayers for the family.

Mary Bodenbug - May 05, 2017 at 10:49 AM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Eleanor Wingard.



May 04, 2017 at 07:55 PM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Eleanor Wingard.* ”



May 04, 2017 at 05:22 PM